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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Before the Examiner:  
A. Blau et al. :  
Serial No: : Group Art Unit:  
Filed: : Intellectual Property  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD : Law Department  
FOR MANAGING MESSAGES AND : International Business  
ANNOTATIONS PRESENTED IN A : Machines Corporation  
USER INTERFACE : 11400 Burnet Road  
Date: October 12, 2000 : Internal Zip 4054  
: Austin, Texas 78758

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231.

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Sub B1*  
3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 [or claim 2], said accepting step  
further comprising the steps of:

selectively presenting to said user an edit panel; and  
receiving from said user said annotation input to said edit panel.

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4. (Amended) The method of [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], further  
comprising the steps of:

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